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A Kansas man, asserting that overproduction of laws is ruining the country, gives these illuminating examples of what he calls superfluous legislation in his own state:

First—Kansas, although a prob-

hibition state, has a law prohibiting the eating of snakes.

Second—He once bet a Kansas City friend \$100 that the friend couldn't go six hours without breaking a law. The latter took him up, and went to bed. When he finished his nap and came around to collect the \$100, he was arrested for sleeping under a sheet less than nine feet long.

These facts seem to prove the case, for Kansas at least. As for the legislative output in other states—just ask any lawyer who tries to keep track of it.—Rutland News.

Property That Should Be Taxed More

To say that the contention of The News, as made in its issue of September 22, for a more proper valuation of the H. H. Baxter properties on Grove street, for taxation purposes, made a profound sensation is not an overstatement. The justice of The News' contention has struck a responsive chord—unanimous, be it said, up to date. Literally, hundreds of citizens of Rutland have been heard from, and with one accord they say that the position of this newspaper is fair, reasonable, and should bear fruit at the earliest possible date.

The Baxter lot is worth at "knock-down sale," \$20,000. Why should it be in the tax list at \$5000? It is no ornament, rather otherwise, to the city. The Baxter estate, lifeless although well maintained, is of no utility. A cemetery, open to the public with monuments and flower plots to look at, would be of greater public interest. It is assessed at \$45,000—not over one-third what it should be. In fact, opened up to the public and sold as building lots, it would inside of five years be on the tax rolls at at least \$200,000 to say nothing of water revenues, and the advantage of eliminating a large tract of "dead wood" from the heart of alive section of a growing city.

But the principle for which The News contends contemplates much more than the galvanizing into life of these two dead spots. If we had the proper basis of taxation we would wipe out such eyesores and fire hazards as the Verder block, on the corner of West and Grove streets; we would transmute into respectability and creditability the south side of West street between Wales and Edson streets, which at present and for many years past has maintained a lot of unsightly billboards. It is radically wrong that the hand of the tax gatherer should be laid the heaviest on the man who improves real estate and makes it a credit to the community.—Rutland News.

STATE NEWS

The proceeds of the concert given by Mr. and Mrs. Ossip Gabrilowitch, members of St. Albans' summer colony of distinguished musical people, are \$527.53. This has been placed in the fund, which now amounts to about \$2,000, for the rebuilding the annex to the St. Albans hospital.

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Several exchanges were lamenting the fact that there were no state issues prominent.—Morrisville Messenger.

Now, before this argument goes any further, did even a single one of your exchanges say that there are no state issues?

Some sympathizers with Germany think the news reports exaggerate the allies victory, but the reverse is the more reasonable view. The Allies at this writing have not yet broken the German line, but have gone a good way toward it and are not claiming too much until they get through to the railroad which connects the German division points. Once they reach this the Germans will be compelled to fall back to a new line just as the Russians had to in Poland and Lithuania.

It would be an easier job to warm up the West to the Anglo-French loan if that section had not already disposed of most of its old and spavined horses to the allies at \$300 apiece and got spot cash for them.—New York World.

This is persiflage. The Allies accept no imperfect horses, as many hasty buyers have discovered with sorrow. Like men, the pick of the horses are demanded for war.—Rutland Herald.

They did earlier, but the inspection is less severe now. It reminds us of the reminiscences of an old army surgeon in the Civil war. In the early part of the war every man who volunteered was stripped stark naked and given a rigid examination from the top of his head to the soles of his feet. Later on when the need of soldiers was more acute men were passed about as fast as they could be marched past the surgeon and sometimes without even asking them to remove their overcoats.

As an instance of what can be done in the cool climate of upper New England an amateur gardener in Bennington tells the result of experiments this year and in preceding years in raising two crops in one season on the same ground. Where Alaska peas were planted as soon as the ground could be worked the crop was harvested before the first of July and on July 4 Golden Bantam corn was planted. This corn was ready for the table Sept. 22. Later varieties of peas were followed by string beans which matured Sept. 10. Early potatoes dug the first week in August were followed by a fall crop of Endive and lettuce now ready. Late corn, beans, cucumbers, squashes, tomatoes, peppers, etc., are on ground which first grew spinach, radishes, lettuce and green onions from sets. Between the hills of early corn kale plants were set the last of July. As soon as the ears were off this corn the stalks were cut and the kale, which had gotten rooted, but hadn't grown much, then came ahead rapidly and will supply a splendid October crop. Kale is not at its best anyway until it has been touched several times by frost. Early cabbages are grown by setting well developed plants from the cold frame, seed bed, or greenhouse between the hills of squashes, cucumbers or melons and will head before the vines need the space. Spring cauliflower can precede spinach or any fall crop and fall cauliflower, turnips and Brussels sprouts can follow the early string beans. The only ground on which this gardener has failed to grow two crops in one year was that devoted to onions from seed, parsnips, beets, chard, carrots, celery and midseason corn. An absolute failure has been repeatedly made in trying to grow peas in the fall following early string beans or early potatoes. Peas do well here in the cool, moist weather of spring, but refuse to be coaxed when planted in the heat of midsummer.

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